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KRG Prime Minister Barzani launches governance and transparency initiative

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to: us@krg.org**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Prime Minister Barzani launches governance and transparency initiative**

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Erbil, Kurdistan - Iraq (KRG.org) – Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani launched a ground-breaking good governance and transparency strategy today that aims to improve government accountability and efficiency.

Unveiling his administration's initiative, which has been developed with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, the Prime Minister said, "We the government, and you the people, want a government that is responsible, transparent and accountable for its actions; a government that will spare no effort in serving our people in the best manner possible; a government that will work in an open and transparent manner to achieve its goals and meet the aspirations of our citizens."

Prime Minister Barzani said that the implementation of this strategy "will help to ensure that public funds are used properly, and make government more efficient and more effective. It will improve the delivery of services to the people of the Kurdistan Region."

He added, "And it will help improve international and domestic confidence and increase investment and job development, while helping to raise the living standards of our Region."

The KRG's strategy, developed in collaboration with global experts in the field, is based on the following four principles. First, the KRG is founded on the basis of the rule of law. Second, public service is a public trust. Third, governmental functions are to be open and transparent. And fourth, public funds must always be used for their intended purposes. The strategy calls for the implementation of a diverse set of institutional reforms and specific governance activities across all sectors of government.

These actions include:

- Create an Executive Office of Governance and Integrity
- Create a code of conduct for all KRG officials
- Create a comprehensive penal code, including anti-corruption, money laundering and asset recovery laws
- Enhance public awareness and access to government information
- Install Integrity Pacts in key civil infrastructure projects
- Create a contractor ethics and integrity licensing programme
- Reform procurement policies, procedures and practices
- Strengthen financial management practices

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- Create a centralised, independent contractor suspension and debarment process.

The KRG retained PriceWaterhouseCoopers, one of the worlds largest financial and accountancy consulting firms to assist the KRG in the development and implementation of this strategy. PWC Partner David Jansen, head of the PWC Global Anti-Corruption Unit, said, "The KRG has joined a growing, global movement focused on building or restructuring governmental anti-corruption systems to attract foreign direct investment, improve political stability, stimulate domestic growth and increase standards of living".

- Prime Minister's speech at launch of KRG Strategy on Good Governance and Transparency: <http://www.krg.org/articles/detail.asp?smap=02040100&lngnr=12&anr=30495&rnr=268>
- KRG Good Governance and Transparency Executive Summary: http://www.krg.org/uploads/documents/Good_Governance_and_Transparency_Executive_Summary.pdf
- Article and additional info: <http://www.krg.org/articles/detail.asp?rnr=223&lngnr=12&smap=02010100&anr=30494>

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